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The Alberta Teachers' Association will shortly be starting a campaign in Alberta to rally behind the legislature a body of public opinion which will encourage it to take responsibility for 50 per cent of the costs of education in this province. These citizens feel that the work of education must be speeded, that the burden of financing further effort cannot be carried on by the municipalities, and that provincial revenues must be made available for this purpose.

With taxes increasing to the point where they have reached the limit insofar as education is concerned in some districts, the association is taking up the government's invitation that "the purpose of the political system is to provide a medium through which the people can present their coherent demands in the expectation that they will be filled and at the same time as they use their power-in-association to help their representatives do their job."

It was estimated in the A.T.A. magazine that the province needed 1,850 teachers to put the rest of Alberta schools in operation. In November the Minister of Education estimated the shortage at 2,300. The situation is steadily becoming worse with teachers leaving the profession. The demand for workers in other industries is also steadily increasing.

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## LOCAL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brockman (Nee Elsie Moskop) of Clairmont, Alberta, a son, on Christmas Day, December 25th, 1946.

The January meeting of the Floral U. F. W. A. will be held in the United Church Parlor on Thursday, January 9th at 2:00 p.m. sharp. The hostesses will be Mesdames T. Fitzgerald and J. Lennon. Everyone interested please attend.

The Crossfield Hockey team journeyed to Bowden on December 23rd and defeated the Bowden team by a score of 4 to 3. On December 30th they went to Innisfail and won again by a score of 7 to 1.

Everett and Mrs. Bills will leave on Sunday by plane for Calgary for California where they expect to spend about six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Larson are back home after spending a few days at the home of the former's parents in Saskatchewan.

In spite of the storm and the bad roads a good crowd gathered at the Curling Club Dance on New Year's Eve and everyone reports a good time. Some of those in attendance from the west country were wondering how they would get back home because the roads appeared to be drifting badly but the storm abated almost as suddenly as it came up but the roads were slippery.

Ray Banta moved his goods and chattels and his family out to the new house that he has built on his farm east of town. They moved on Saturday of last week.

A resident of the Crossfield and Carleton Place districts for the past five years, Mr. Ezra Johnson of Crossfield passed away on December 23rd at the age of 75 after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, December 28th, 1946 for the late Ezra Johnson at the Carleton Place, Ontario. The Rev. J. M. Campbell in charge. Interment took place in the Carleton cemetery.

Born in Ontario Mr. Johnson had lived in the districts around Carleton Place and Crossfield for the past five years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Tucker of Leaside, B. C. and Mrs. Leonard Snyder of Crossfield as well as eight grandchildren.

**THE OLD SCRAP BOOK**  
When a child is old and marvel,  
As my aunt, with pot and paste,  
Scissors and her paper clippings  
Pasted book of homely tale.

"What is it to be?" I'd ask her,  
"Does it tell of things to cook?"  
But she laughingly made answer,  
"No, it's just a plain scrapbook."

Then I was allowed to hold it,  
And to read its treasure o'er,  
And its magic never failed me,  
Twas a fairyland of yore;

And the days they fitted by me  
As I all the world forsook,  
Dreaming, thrilling, held enchanted  
By that old scrapbook.

Then as a maid I still was reading  
And to read its treasure o'er,  
And all unconsciously was learning  
Wonders for my whole life through.

Yes, that book could still enthrall me,  
And I oft would steal a look  
For romance and love were written  
In that old scrapbook.

Then I married and went roaming  
To lands so far away,  
And when later with my children  
I spent hours of happy play,

And while watching lips half parted  
And eyes full of wondering look,  
Simply from my life tall stories  
Gathered from that old scrapbook.

Now with haunting memories round  
As the years have rolled away,  
Child and maiden, woman grown,  
Come again in countless guise,

And I thrill to word and look,  
As once more I turn the pages  
Of that old scrapbook.



Marking a new era in hotel comfort, ultra-modern "day-night" room in the new Crossfield Hotel. The room is the first in Canada to put in the new "day-night" room. The room is the first in Canada to put in the new "day-night" room. The room is the first in Canada to put in the new "day-night" room.

## Tenative First Session of February Day Convention

D. H. McCallum, Alberta

Commissioner, reports that plans for the convention of Alberta

Dairymen's Association are well

under way. The convention will be

held at the Fallis Hotel, Calgary,

on Feb. 11, 12 and 13.

Addressing the convention in

general session will be J. F. Simp-

son, associate director of the Da-

irymen's Association; J. C. Tag-

gart, chairman of the Pikes

Support Board; R. M. Halsey,

president of the Alberta

Canada; R. C. Smellie, president

of the National Dairy Council;

F. Wasson, dairy commissioner for

British Columbia.

In addition to the above, special

speakers have been invited to ad-

dress the various sessions of the

association. Manufacturers, but-

termakers, cheesemakers and pro-

ducers will all have an opportunity

to discuss in their own groups the

problems in which they are particu-

larly interested.

## THE GOVERNMENT LIQUOR

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on the licensed portion of his

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premises, in conformity with the

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Control Act of Alberta and the Reg-

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spect to the following described pre-

mise, Beer salesroom in the north

side of the ground floor of Olive

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## Wheat

Marketed in 1946

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out of Canadian wheat stocks to

the lowest level since the drought

years 1937-38. Most urgent demands

from overseas resulted in the ex-

port of around 336 million bushels

of wheat in the crop year ending

July 21, 1946, bringing the Cana-

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million on the same date a year

previous. Highest Canadian carry-

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reached 570 million bushels.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Service Sunday, January 6th, 1947

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## The Housing Problem

HOUSING CONTINUES TO BE A FOREMOST PROBLEM in all parts of Canada and it appears that it may remain so for some time yet. The seriousness of the situation is of grave concern to everyone. Particular attention has been directed to the plight of veterans and their families and that is, indeed, one of the darkest aspects of the whole problem. There is no one who would deny the right of those men and women who served in the armed forces to expect to return to the comfort and security of a home, yet there are many thousands of veterans and their families today whose situation in respect to housing can only be described as desperate.

### Situation Is A Complex One

The problem is a complex one but it cannot be said that efforts have not been made to solve it, both by the government and by many organizations and individuals throughout the country. The Dominion government drew up a program providing for the building of between fifty and sixty thousand dwellings in the years 1946 and 1947. Although this is a large undertaking, it is estimated that it would still not provide the number of homes needed in Canada today. In building circles it is believed that due to shortage of construction materials it is unlikely that more than half of this proposed number of homes will be completed. In spite of the fact that the project has been given priorities on materials, builders report that between thirty and thirty-five thousand dwellings, which are now under construction, and which were to have been ready in the early winter, will not be completed until the spring because of the shortage of materials.

### Are Hindered By Shortages

It was to the government building project which the public looked for the greatest relief from the housing shortage, but there have also been efforts on the part of private builders to solve the problem in individual cases. They too, have been hampered by shortage of supplies and by a sharp increase in building costs. Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction, forecast in the spring of 1947 the housing situation would be "grim." He said in March, 1946, this is not a picture that should be as to what should be done to solve the problem. Obviously, the shortage is largely on the building of new homes, and to speed up building it is necessary to increase considerably the supply of essential materials for train workers in the building trades. It has also been suggested from many quarters that all non-essential construction should be curtailed at this time. Whatever measures are taken, it is apparent that we cannot look to an early end of the present housing shortage.



**JOAN'S LINIMENT**

**GOOD FOR SPRAINS**

**JUST PAT IT ON!**

**CANADIANS USE U.S. TANKS**

OTTAWA—More than 400 U.S. tanks have been brought into Canada to help train both her permanent and reserve armored units, defense headquarters announced. The statement intimated that more will be arriving later.

### His Awesome Majesty

Japanese Consider Atomic Bomb Most Powerful Being in World

William Bayler, in the American Mercury says: In Tokyo, I observed an indication of the relative positions which the emperor and the atomic bomb hold in the Japanese mind. An organization calling itself "Society of International Friendship Through Language" has installed a large billboard on a street corner with questions and answers in Japanese and English.

First question: "Who is world's most awesome personage?" Answer: "His imperial majesty Emperor Hirohito."

Second question: "Who is world's most powerful being?" Answer: "Atomic bomb."

### OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**HORIZONTAL**

- To jog
- Blemish
- To nod
- Courageous person
- Confederate general
- Plaff an arm
- Gaffer's mound
- Collection of falls
- To perform
- Notwork
- Vipers
- Trips
- To jump
- Practical three
- To make amends
- To hit with open hand
- Yustonic deity
- In a straight direction
- Country of
- Basalid
- Propaganda
- Foreign
- Gold
- To place
- Finches
- River in Belgium
- Verve
- Electrical engineer (labor)
- Success
- A state
- Everyone
- Solemn decision
- Religion
- Appellation
- Anterior field
- Reveries
- Marine plant

**VERTICAL**

- Definite article
- Performance
- Consecutive
- either
- Small child
- Tough metal
- Armed band
- King of
- Basin
- Chinese
- beans
- To explode
- Farne island
- Whirlwind
- You and I
- Printer's mark

**Answers to Last Week's Puzzle**

1. Symbol for sodium  
2. River in Africa  
3. A portion  
4. Antecedents  
5. Kintango  
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## NEW ZEALAND AND U.S. SIGN AIR PACT

Proposes Three Services Bi-weekly Between The Two Countries

WASHINGTON—The United States has signed civil aviation agreements with Australia and New Zealand, the first to be reached with those countries. This brought the total of such agreements to 25.

Pan American always began a scheduled air route to New Zealand in 1940 under an agreement with that country, but there never has been any scheduled commercial airline service between the United States and Australia.

The Australians have purchased several four-engine planes and are ready to begin service to Vancouver, B.C. by way of Honolulu and San Francisco.

In a statement issued after the signing, Norman Makin, Australian ambassador, said the two agreements, with the one between the United States and Great Britain, set the stage for the full operation of British Commonwealth Pacific airlines, which proposes shortly to begin three services bi-weekly between Australia and the United States and one between New Zealand and the United States.

### In Ancient Days

Hats Worn By Women Were More Fearful Than Modern Type

Modern man whose wife's new hat causes him to shudder in horror, would have been fit to be tied had he lived in ancient days when women's hats were something to fear. Research shows that one ancient feminine headgear consisted of a set of horns edged with miniver and interlaced with pearls. Another style resembled a towering steeple. To top them all was a precariously perched schneider in full sail on the towering coiffure of an 18th century duchess, reveals an article in the current issue of C-L-L Oval.

Beaver, once popular in hat making, has been replaced by silk, wool, plastics and nylon. The universally used material is felt. Felt was discovered centuries ago by accident, the article states. A man who had a long journey to make on foot, stuffed wool in his shoes to make walking less painful. On arrival at his destination he found the fibres matted together as the result of moisture, pressing, and heat. These same principles manufacturers in felt making.

### CANADA YEAR BOOK

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, announces the 1946 Canada Year Book is now available. Distribution by authorization of Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce. The publication will be supplied to the King's Printer, Ottawa, at the price of \$2.00 per copy. This volume contains valuable data for the businessman, the student and the general reader, summarizing for them the chief Dominion and Provincial Reports and Publications on many subjects such as trade, transportation, finance, education, social welfare, etc. Get your copy which is available now.

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"That's the gentleman who married her, darling."

"Then," persisted Bessie, "what the heck is dad doing round our house so much?"

"Mummy," asked the small son of the house, "Daddy wouldn't murder anybody, would he?"

"Why certainly not, dear. What makes you think so?" asked the horrified mother.

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CANADA'S CATTLE

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## BELGIAN WOMEN NEAR VICTORY

May Get To Vote In Next National Elections

(By A. Veysey in Chicago Tribune) BRUSSELS, Belgium—Belgian women are about to win their war. This war, of course, is with the Belgian men. While Belgium as a nation has spent half its history under the thumb of Spain, Austria, France, Holland, or Germany, Belgian women always have been under the strict control of their men.

"When a woman marries she has no more rights than a child," said Dorothy Moore, 3215 Harrison st., Evanston, Ill., cultural relations attaché at the American embassy here.

For years suffragettes have been working quietly, worming their way into political parties. This female fifth column is now firmly imbedded and Belgian women for the first time probably will take part in the next national election, three years hence.

All four political parties in Belgium in the last week have agreed to let women vote for national officers. For a while the Communists and Socialists stalled trying to defer the women's vote until 1957.

Those parties were afraid that if the women got voting power they would go sentimental and vote for Leopold III, the present king. He is living in Switzerland with his war time commoner bride, waiting for a "call" from the people. However, the women went to the polls in local elections last week and they voted the same way their husbands did last winter. So now the parties are ready to let the women vote in the next national election. A bill to give the women the vote is now before parliament and is scheduled for action late this month.

The suffragettes, however, are not content with more than political freedom, said Miss Moore, whose office they constantly besiege, seeking clues on how American women become equals under the law with American men.

At present, as for generations past, the married Belgian woman cannot own property, cannot have a bank account, cannot have charge accounts at stores, cannot even order telephone charges unless she get her husband's permission from their husbands.

Because of this, marriages are preceded by long consultations between lawyers of both families, culminating in wordy documents which detail in francs and centimes exactly what the husband does for the rest of her life.

There is one advantage women get out of this subjugation to men. That is: Should a woman do something wrong, she is legally not responsible. So the wronged person must sue her husband. Suffragettes see no need for a change here.

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"I'm an orphan," said the teacher, as a cue.

A hand shot up and the owner explained: "An orphan is a woman that wants to get married and can't."

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## Is Under Attack

Fricky Thistle Has Again Become Agricultural Menace in Manitoba

The sow thistle, prickly, yellow-blossomed weed described as Canada's most serious agricultural menace, is under attack by the Manitoba Weeds Commission.

Virtually eliminated in the drought years of 1936, provincial agriculture department officials say it has returned with successive seasons of good rainfall and shortages of labor and machinery with which to combat it.

The weed, whose long, running roots push through the soil to kill thousands of dollars worth of grain annually, flowers late in June and soon afterward spreads its seeds—as many as 10,000 from a single plant.

H. E. Wood, supervisor of the Government's program, said the chief object was to take the weeds away from the menace and to impress upon them that destruction would have to be on a province-wide basis.

According to Government files, the first sow thistle was recorded on a farm near Carleton Place, 95 miles southwest of Winnipeg, in 1886. Little attention was paid to the weed at that time and it spread northwest into the Red River valley region. By the 1920s the blight was killing a considerable portion of the Manitoba crop annually.

Drought, aided by grasshoppers and the increasing availability of cultivating machinery, pretty well destroyed the thistle in the pre-war years. By last season, however, it had returned after several seasons of good moisture, labor shortages and scarcity of new machinery.

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Fricky Thistle Has Again Become Agricultural Menace in Manitoba

The sow thistle, prickly, yellow-blossomed weed described as Canada's most serious agricultural menace, is under attack by the Manitoba Weeds Commission.

Virtually eliminated in the drought years of 1936, provincial agriculture department officials say it has returned with successive seasons of good rainfall and shortages of labor and machinery with which to combat it.

The weed, whose long, running roots push through the soil to kill thousands of dollars worth of grain annually, flowers late in June and soon afterward spreads its seeds—as many as 10,000 from a single plant.

H. E. Wood, supervisor of the Government's program, said the chief object was to take the weeds away from the menace and to impress upon them that destruction would have to be on a province-wide basis.

According to Government files, the first sow thistle was recorded on a farm near Carleton Place, 95 miles southwest of Winnipeg, in 1886. Little attention was paid to the weed at that time and it spread northwest into the Red River valley region. By the 1920s the blight was killing a considerable portion of the Manitoba crop annually.

Drought, aided by grasshoppers and the increasing availability of cultivating machinery, pretty well destroyed the thistle in the pre-war years. By last season, however, it had returned after several seasons of good moisture, labor shortages and scarcity of new machinery.

That is: Should a woman do something wrong, she is legally not responsible. So the wronged person must sue her husband. Suffragettes see no need for a change here.

"What is an orphan?" asked the teacher. None of the children seemed to know.

"I'm an orphan," said the teacher, as a cue.

A hand shot up and the owner explained: "An orphan is a woman that wants to get married and can't."

Having received from his tailor a bill and a note reading: "Please remit by return—51st notice," Stoney broke replied: "Dear sir—I do not remember ordering a suit such as you mention. If I did order it you certainly never made it for me. If you did make it I never got it. Furthermore, if I got it I must have paid for it. And if I must have paid for it..."

"Mrs. Williams always asks the price of anything I can't find. I happen to be wearing," said Mrs. Brown. "Rather a cheek, don't you think?"

"Decidedly," replied Mrs. Black. "What has she been trying to find out recently?"

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## Britons To Enjoy Brightest Christmas In Seven Years

LONDON.—Londoners, now deeply immersed in the biggest Christmas shopping rush for seven years, are happily convinced of one thing: they have seen lots worse Christmases in the past than this one.

Santa Claus has been on the job in the West End's big department stores for two or three weeks. The first Christmas trees arrived at the Covent Garden market and they promise to be plentiful this year. Stores are piled high with the biggest stocks of the best toys Britain's youngsters have seen since 1938.

Despite these delights, thousands of Britons are planning to spend Christmas abroad. At the Swiss legation in London, queues of 400 people daily line-up for visas to the brightest oasis of plenty and prosperity in all Europe.

Legation officials expect to be handing out 700 visas a day by the end of this month but for the majority who will be staying home, the festive prospects are at least much brighter than at any time since the war started.

There will be extra meat, fats and sugar. Bakery stores will be selling decorated cakes for the first time since early in the war. There is a better supply of continental wines than at any time since 1939—though Scotch whisky is as scarce as ever.

Canned fruit, which hasn't been on sale at all for over a year, will be in the stores again. For the first time in eight years, it will include canned pineapple—a delicacy which Britons had almost forgotten about.

Small allocations of dried fruits have made it possible for most housewives to rustle up a plum pudding. Even turkeys will be more plentiful than in recent years—though there still won't be enough to go round and a fair-sized bird will run to \$20 or so.

For the very fortunate, here are a few of the gifts which can be bought: a four-wheeled, hand-propelled run-about for the 12-year-old boy. Mounted on small bicycle wheels, it has a sliding seat and is propelled by a long handle, working something like a rowing machine. The price \$70.

Hand-made table lamps with shades made from 200-year-old parchment documents, the base fashioned from wood salvaged from the old House of Commons and decorated with the hand-carved figure of Henry VIII or Queen Elizabeth, in materials obtained from the Commons building. These sell at \$60.

Aluminum suitcases made from metal salvaged from German aircraft destroyed during the battle of Britain six years ago, and engraved with Royal Air Force crests. These are selling rapidly at \$8.

### TOYS AWAIT BOY

**Nine-Year-Old Richard Marlowe Missing From Home Since 1944**  
TORONTO.—There's a closet full of clothing and a trunk packed with children's toys in an Etobicoke township house that await their owner, nine-year-old Richard Marlowe, who has been missing from his home since July, 1944.

Richard, youngest of a family of five, was last seen by his mother on his way home from the corner drug store with a friend. He never reached home and police, neighbors and school friends found no trace of him in a search that was carried on for weeks.

All but Richard's immediate family have long given him up for dead, but the Marlowes are still waiting for the fair-haired, blue-eyed youngster to come back. An extra stocking hangs beside the fireplace every Christmas and his presents are being saved for his return.

**A CHRISTMAS GRACE**  
We thank Thee, Father, for the night,  
And for the pleasant morning light,  
For rest and food and loving care,  
And all that makes the world so fair.

# Christmas Greetings



"The Arrival of the Shepherds"  
—Henri Lorette

## Christmas Spirit Of Old Time England

During the 1400's and 1500's before the Puritans got the upper hand, the golden age of English hospitality reigned. At Christmas time castles and manor houses were filled by the score and the hundred.

Kinmen and neighbors were there and on certain days the tradesmen and tenants, for all were equal at season. The 'ostler could dance with the mistress if he had the nerve to ask her. And he usually had—after the wassail.

The great halls were a din of gaiety. There was light—almost enough to pierce the wood smoke. And roasting beef, roasted mutton, fowl and brawn (the flesh of the wild pig, which had been caught and fed good grain to the point of arousing his suspicions, too late, of course).

The dark ale flowed and added its voice—by proxy—to heighten the noise. At the peak of all this there was brought in the Yule log—a relic, incidentally, of the Scandinavians' pagan worship of Thor. With a brand new last year's log the new one was fired.

The light from these roaring flames would shine out through portals opened to the knocks of caroling and wassailing bands who, more often than not, were brought into the hall to eat of nutmeg cakes and brawn and mustard.

### ORIGIN OF RED AND GREEN DECORATIONS

The use of green at Christmas time is understandable when it is recalled that the idea of decking churches, houses, shops, etc., centres around the use of evergreen. This custom antedates the Christian era and apparently is a survival of the Roman Saturnalia when inhabitants of Rome ornamented their temples and dwellings with green boughs.

Red, which is regarded as the most cheerful of all colors, is said to react most quickly on the optic nerve. Decorations available at the winter solstice include holly, the berries of which are holy.

## King To Make His Traditional Broadcast

LONDON.—The King will make his traditional Christmas broadcast to the Empire from Sandringham at 10 a.m., EST, Christmas Day. It was announced at Buckingham Palace.

## FIRE PROOFING CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees of themselves may be fire hazards. While freshly cut trees do not ignite easily they soon become dry and constitute a fire hazard on account of the amount of resinous substances they contain. At the same time, the danger of fire may be obviated, if not entirely prevented, through chemical treatment. One of the other hand, Christmas trees are flammable rapidly after being cut, so that chemical treatment is not always practicable.

However, it has been proved that the wood and pine needles of Christmas trees may be made fire-resistant if treated as soon as possible after they are cut. A water absorbing power which permits the introduction of either calcium chloride or ammonium sulphate into the tree in solution form.

The method is as follows: The stem of the tree is freshly sawed, preferably at an oblique angle or "V" shape, and placed in a receptacle containing the solution and left in a room of moderate temperature, 65 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit, until the tree is to be used. The quantity of the chemical required, either of the calcium chloride or the ammonium sulphate, should equal one-quarter of the weight of the tree. Dissolve the chemical in water at the rate of 1 1/2 pints per pound of chemical. The degree of fire resistance depends on the amount of the solution taken up by the tree, and freshly cut trees respond readily to treatment, the quantity of the chemical absorbed varying with the freshness of the tree. A properly treated tree will not burn even when exposed to a large flame.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

First Printed Ninety Years Ago In London

Christmas cards were first printed in London more than ninety years ago, but did not become popular until seventy-three years ago.

The first Christmas card was only a visiting card on which was written the greeting, "A Merry Christmas," or "A Happy New Year." Snow scenes, holly branches and robins appeared later on embossed cards, probably picturing English Christmas scenery, as the robin is known in England as the Christmas bird, and also as "The Saviour's bird" because of the legend of its red breast. This bird is still seen on Christmas Cards, but not so often as formerly.

**TOYS FOR GERMAN CHILDREN**  
HAMBURG, Germany.—Toys for German children, to be distributed at a Christmas party, are being made by men of the R.A.F. stationed at Wahn, near Cologne (British zone), the British News Service of Germany reported.

## Is There A Santa Claus?

(This editorial, which has justly become timeless, was written in The York Sun in 1927 by Francis Phares, a little eight-year-old girl named Virginia Orlan who had been told by some of her friends that there was no Santa Claus.)

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age.

They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, a mere insect.

An art, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless worlds about him.

As measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound.

And give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance.

To make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

No, believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus.

But even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn?

Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are

Unseen and unsearchable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture

The supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ab, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus!

Thank God he lives, and he lives forever.

A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

### SAME OLD SANTA

Same old Santa, same old joys,  
Same old dolls and sleds and toys;  
Same old holly, same old tree,  
Same old gifts for cherubs near;  
Same old carol, same old light,  
Same old stockings hung at night;  
Same old words of merry cheer,  
Same good wishes for the year.  
Same old Christmas! Seems to me  
That's the way it ought to be.

## Canadians Assume Full Citizenship On New Year's Day

OTTAWA.—New Year's Day, 1947, will have historic significance as the day on which Canadians assume full-fledged citizenship, and civic bodies across the country are laying plans for ceremonial celebrations of Citizenship Week, Jan. 5-11.

Sponsored by the citizenship branch of the state department, a national ceremony will be held in Ottawa Jan. 3 in the white stone supreme court of Canada building, with Hon. Thibaudet Rinfret, chief justice, presiding and representatives from the nine provinces attending to receive their Canadian citizenship certificates. The proceedings will be broadcast over a CBC national network.

In the week following, all provincial capitals and other cities where there is a wide representation of various racial groups will conduct similar celebrations.

Ceremonies are planned by Charlottetown, Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Welland, St. Catharines, Windsor, Sudbury, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

While the ceremonies will vary in various centres, they are expected to follow fairly closely a pattern suggested by the citizenship branch. This program begins with an assembly of citizens, with a parade of colors and the singing of O Canada, and possibly pageants or musical programs designed to illustrate the unity in diversity of Canadian life.

Part two of the ceremony would be presentation in court of citizenship certificates to new Canadians, and part three a civic reception giving the new citizens opportunity to meet representatives of federal, provincial and civic governments and community organizations. Special church services also will mark the week.

The New Citizenship act, passed at the last session of parliament and proclaimed on Dominion Day, July 1, creates a distinctive Canadian citizenship.

It will declare immediately as Canadian citizens all native-born Canadians, British subjects domiciled in Canada, brides of Canadian servicemen and all those who now possess naturalization certificates. For the first time, Canadian citizens are declared also to be British subjects.

## WORLD IS BUYING BRITISH-MADE TOYS

Manufacturers Exporting On Far Greater Scale Than Ever Before

Toys made in Britain will figure as thousands of children in all parts of the world. Large orders have been sent to the Dominions, South America and the Middle East. Children in the devastated countries of Europe will also have supplies. Manufacturers in the United Kingdom are now exporting toys on a far greater scale than ever before. In September, for example, the total value was well over £250,000, (\$1,000,000), about seven times the monthly value in 1938. The sharp decline in toy manufacture in Britain during the war has actually reacted to the advantage of industry in that it has been the means of introducing new ideas and designs based on war production experience. For example, one firm which made fuel valves for Lancaster bombers during the war is now turning out, on the same machine lines, precision toys as accurate as the Lancaster parts.



### AND ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Johnny finds that Santa has been very good to him, and hopes that the boys and girls everywhere are happy, too!

## Ready For S.A. Tour

# Royal Train Built According To Their Majesties' Quiet Tastes

BIRMINGHAM, Eng.—It will be a royal train indeed which carries the King and Queen during their tour of South Africa. For comfort and efficiency nothing quite like it has been produced before in Britain, but its builders (Metropolitan-Cannell Carriage and Wagon Co., Ltd.) say "nothing elaborate has been attempted." "The quiet tastes of Their Majesties have been kept in mind, and have cured any tendency toward lavishness," the company said.

The King and Queen will each have a private car and Princess Elizabeth will share another with Princess Margaret. A room in the Queen's car has been furnished as the royal family lounge.

Because of its lush, cream-colored, gold-lined exterior it has been called the "White Train." Eight of its 14 cars have been custom built, from blueprint to finished product in eight months. Workmen put in much overtime and sacrificed weekends since last March to finish the job for mid-December embarkation for South Africa. Ordinarily the job would have taken two years.

The King's car, with a study, bedroom with adjoining bathroom, bedrooms for his equerry and his physician, and a workroom for his valet, required five miles of wire.

The train is a communications marvel. It has 69 dial telephones. On the King's semi-circular desk there are two phones, one connected to the train's exchange, the other a direct connection to his secretary in another car equipped for members of the staff.

There are 60 loudspeakers, operated from a central receiver over which announcements can be made, and two radio programs will be available to all passengers. The King will also have a powerful, independent receiver in his study.

He will be able to speak by short-wave to London at any time, and to any part of South Africa. A special link will keep the royal train in constant touch with the pilot train ahead. In the first train will be newspapermen covering the tour—the same arrangement as was used in Canada during the royal visit of 1939. They will have high-speed short-wave transmission facilities even while the train is moving.

The steel coaches are paneled in empire timber, and are air-conditioned as protection against the hot dustiness of the Orange Free State, and the humid, semi-tropical conditions of the Natal coastal fringe.

Spotlight—by personal order of the Queen there are no bathrooms in her bedroom or her bathroom.

## Backing New Leader

Party in Russia Using Old Technique To Discredit Stalin

Opponents of Marshal Stalin within the Soviet Russia are using an old technique to discredit him says W. L. Clarke, in the Windsor Star. They are saying he is a fine older statesman, a man who served Russia well during his prime.

In other words, they are praising Stalin for what he has done and by so doing are depicting him as a has-been, one who should have been put on the shelf long ago.

Backers of Colonel General Zhdanov are boosting their man as the successor of Stalin, when and if they can out the present leader in the Kremlin. When Molotov and other prominent Russians skipped home to Moscow from Paris recently, they were not altogether thinking of foreign affairs. There were serious happenings within Russia to occupy their attention.

The secret police are still working and putting people in prison or concentration camps in Russia. But, even this is not squelching altogether the men who are trying to put Stalin on the shelf.

There is a possibility that a new revolution in Russia will make the 1917 affair look like a pink tea, instead of a red revolt.

## A FAST MACHINE

A firm at Akron, in Ohio, has invented a new automatic machine which makes a car tire every two minutes. Only three people are required to work this machine which has a production rate nearly double that of any semi-automatic machine and five times that of hand-made tire methods.

The first sea battle on record was between the Corinthians and Ceryneans about 665 B.C.



LEGS BROKEN, DRIVER DIRECTS TRAFFIC—Driver of this bus had to be pried from his crushed seat. Both of his legs broken, the driver, William Madson of Toronto, directed traffic for an hour but was unconscious on arriving at Hamilton General hospital. Bus collided with a trailer in front of it when the trailer braked abruptly to avoid running an old model car. Accident occurred at Willow Cove, Ont. There were no other serious injuries.

## The Airphibian

Drive-And-Fly Vehicle Will Cost Close To \$5,000

Robert Edison Fulton, Jr., drove his special aluminum-bodied coupe with a roll-back canvas top on to the Danbury Airport, attached a propeller and an assembly consisting of a fuselage, wings and tail piece, and took off. He enjoyed a short cruise over Danbury at varying altitudes and at speeds up to 120 miles an hour, then returned to the airport and landed on the coupe's four wheels. He detached the plane assembly, which stands on three small wheels of its own when not in use, staked it down to the ground and headed back to his office in Danbury in his curious-appearing coupe.

Mr. Fulton proposes to manufacture the auto-airplane for the general public—or for that part of the public agreeable to paying \$4,500 to \$5,000, the estimated price, for a "drive-and-fly" vehicle to be called an "airphibian."—New York Herald Tribune.

## PLASTIC WINDOWS

One of the newest uses of plastics is in the making of church windows, and it is possible that it may replace the stained glass that has decorated our churches and cathedrals for centuries past. Religious figures are being embossed on plastic materials, but whether the colors will stand the wear of centuries like those of the medieval stained-glass artists remains to be seen.

## Had Colorful Career

Illustrator Often Shot At By Pioneers He Criticized

Leslie E. Demmon, formerly of Kentville, N.S., who died recently in Boston, aged 80, started in printing at Kentville. Seized with the wanderlust, for many years he was an itinerant printer in the pioneer West, on both sides of the border. He would transport his equipment on the backs of a horse and mule into a mushroom mining or cattle village or town and become the whole staff of a weekly as well as do job printing. Frequently the shack or tent he had his base in was shot up by pioneer gunmen he antagonized by criticisms in his little weeklies.

## THROW 3,600 EGGS DURING MELEE OVER SHORTENING

NEW YORK—Four men threw 3,600 eggs at each other in an argument over 20,000 pounds of shortening in a butter and eggs store here. Seymour and Leon Kresch, 27-year-old twins, two of the egg-throwers, filed charges against the other egg-throwers, owners of a rival butter and egg store, Isador Dubitsky, 51, and Philip Schneider, 33.

In court they withdrew their charges saying that it was foolish for business men to throw eggs at each other.

Invention of the zero by an ancient Hindu is considered one of the greatest known advances in mathematics.

## The Dickin Medal

# The Animals' V.C. Awarded To American Army Pigeon

(By John Shuter in London Calling)

THE Dickin Medal, the animals' V.C., was awarded to United States Army pigeon "GI Joe", through the Allied Forces Mascot Club—the only organization specially formed to obtain recognition for animals and birds on war service. It was the first time that this medal had been awarded to an animal or bird other than British. Since the 56th Infantry Division is a London division, it was right that "GI Joe's" award should be made in the Tower of London, one of the most historic spots in London, and that the following citation should have been read by the Governor of the Tower, Colonel Cartwright James.

"The blue jet splashed cock, 'GI Joe', leg band number U.S.A. 43 80 6380, is credited with making the most outstanding flight by a United States Army Homing Pigeon in World War II. This bird came through from the British 10th Corps Headquarters with a message that saved the lives of at least 100 Allied soldiers."

At Colvivechia, Italy, on the morning of the 18th October, 1943, the British 56th Infantry Division had made a request for air support, to aid in breaking the heavily fortified German position. The message carried by "GI Joe" contained the information that the British 169th Infantry Brigade of the 56th Division had already captured the village of Colvivechia at 10:45 a.m. just a few minutes before the Allied 12th Air Support Command was due to bomb the town.

"The pigeon made the trip of some 20 miles from 10th Corps Headquarters in the same number of minutes. The message arrived just as the planes were preparing to take off for the target. Had the message arrived five minutes later, it might have been a completely different story."

This was signed, "Edward F. Witsell, Major General, The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington."

At its close, Wing Commander Les Rayner, head of the Air Ministry Pigeon Service, took "GI Joe" from his cage, and held him firmly in both hands while Major General Sir Charles Keightley, director of military training at the War Office, presented the medal.

"It's a very great pleasure and privilege," said the general, "to give the Dickin Medal to this American Pigeon for the brilliant exploit he carried out in Italy."

"His flight, performed under extremely trying conditions, resulted in the saving of some hundreds of British soldiers' lives and the winning of a most critical battle. Well done, 'GI Joe'."

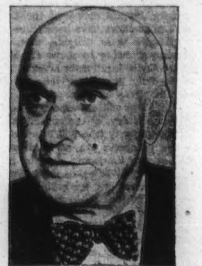
"On behalf of the United States War Department, was made by Major General Clayton Bissell, Military and Air Attache, who said: "I am particularly happy to participate on this occasion when we are recognizing the importance of pets to both nations. It is one of the links which has joined us in the past and will continue to make for better friendship in the future."

"GI Joe" typifies the relationship of man to the animal world, and the help that we have gotten from the animal world in all our military operations."

"GI Joe" had been flown specially to this country for the ceremony, and there he sat, surrounded by a Guard of Honor of Yeoman Warders, with the medal proudly displayed around his neck.

## ANYTHING BUT TRIVIAL

The Washington Post says that is a pathetic commentary on contemporary manners that men should be ready to reduce so great a human event as the release of atomic energy to the level of trivial and to ignore what it has already cost and may cost again a human anguish. It suggests that all our sensibilities have become extremely calloused.



U.S. ENVOY TO BRITAIN—Appointed U.S. ambassador to Great Britain, O. Max Gardner of North Carolina made his first trip to England in 1900 "as chambermaid to 304 Montana steers." At that time he was captain of the University of North Carolina football team which worked its passage on a cattle boat. Formerly N.C. governor and up to the time of his new appointment serving as under-secretary of the treasury, Gardner succeeds W. Averil Harriman in the U.K. post.

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## Alice Banks

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## A Reminder in Rhyme

Pupils who have trouble in remembering about Nouns, Verbs, adjectives, and all the rest of them, may find this bit of rhyme helpful:  
A NOUN is the name of anything;  
As school, garden, hoop or swing.  
ADJECTIVES tell the kind of noun;  
As great, small, pretty, white or brown.  
Instead of Nouns, the PRONOUNS stand;  
Their heads, your face, its paw, his hand.  
VERBS tell of something being done;  
You read, count, sing, laugh, jump or run.  
How things are done, the ADVERBS tell;  
As slowly, quickly, ill or well.  
CONJUNCTIONS join the words together;  
As Men and Women, wind or weather.  
The PREPOSITION stands before a Noun as in or through a door.  
The INTERJECTION shows surprise;  
As, OH! how pretty, AH! how wise.  
These each are called the parts of speech  
When reading, writing, speaking, teach.

Pasteurized milk is the only safe milk. 8708

## Items Of Interest

The Egyptians made the first improvement on pre-historic shoes when they contributed the sandal more than 4,000 years ago.

Ina lake, in Yellowstone national Park, sends some of its waters to the Atlantic and some to the Pacific.

Street lights now can be automatically regulated to provide the required illumination, regardless of the weather, by use of an electronic switch.

The name Alaska is derived from an Eskimo word meaning Great Country.

Natives of some African tribes bake their bread in ant-hill ovens. Large holes are scooped out in towering anthills and a stone slab is used as a door.

Mount Logan, with an altitude of 19,500 feet, is the highest mountain in Canada.

The earth, in January, is approximately 3,000,000 miles nearer the sun than it is in July.

Before Europeans lived at the Cape of Good Hope, letters were left for passing ships under a rock which now is in the walls of the Capetown post office.

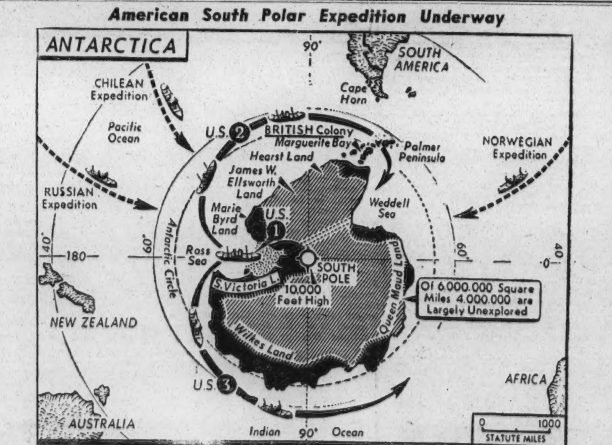
## SCORE PER PROVINCE

In divorces, here is the score per province:

- British Columbia, one divorce for every eight marriages.
- Alberta, one divorce for every 15 marriages.
- Manitoba, one divorce for every 20 marriages.
- Ontario, one divorce for every 21 marriages.
- Saskatchewan, one divorce for every 26 marriages.
- New Brunswick, one divorce for every 49 marriages.
- Nova Scotia, one divorce for every 64 marriages.
- Prince Edward Island, one divorce for every 215 marriages.
- Quebec, one divorce for every 295 marriages.—St. Catharines Standard.

## NOT RELATED

Some people still think that Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes belong to the same family. It isn't so. White potatoes are members of the nightshade clan, and the sweet spuds are related to the morning glories. Besides the murrpates are tubers, and the sweets are roots.



Big U.S. expedition will operate in three units, as indicated by figures on map, after reaching its main base in Antarctica. British explorers already are on the scene, and possible Russian, Chilean and Norwegian expeditions to the same areas are shown.



An untouched reservoir of natural resources, the vast Antarctic is claimed by no nation. Underneath the ice geologists believe there are huge deposits of uranium, source of atomic power. Antarctic ice fracture, caused by heavy pressure, is shown here.

## "RAIN-MAKER" ALL SET FOR NEXT SPRING

Saskatchewan Man Believes He Was Responsible For Record-Breaking Rains Of 1942

REGINA. — Some drought-weary farmers in the southwest corner of Saskatchewan believe the "rain-making" machine operated by 33-year-old Donald Johnston of Regina, was responsible for the record-breaking rains which nurtured the bumper 1942 crop.

The slight, unmarried army veteran is overhauling the machine he first put together in 1937, getting it ready for next spring.

He says if given facilities to operate it he can banish drought, bringing rain with the "instrument's" greatly multiplied power of gravitational attraction to the moon's influence.

Johnston says the electrical power drawn from the moon by the machine's electro-magnetic field, causes electrical changes in the atmosphere and when clouds are overhead, affects condensation and thus rain. The machine has an effect over at least a 100-mile radius, he says.

The machine has a solid steel frame and incorporates two horse-shoe shaped magnets. One of the magnets is fixed and the other moves in a semi-circle about it, swinging like a pendulum. He says the moving magnet sets up an electro-magnetic field besides being influenced in the speed of its swing by the moon.

Johnston, a Regina Technical school graduate has spent \$500 on the machine which is not patented. But he wants only his expenses in return for an opportunity to "rain" drought completely throughout the three prairie provinces.

## From Tower Bridge

Many Historic Happenings Took Place There In Ancient Days

From the Tower the King proceeded in ancient days, accompanied by his ministers, in his resplendent barge along the river to Westminster to open Parliament. By this river came also those who entered Traitors' Gate on their last journey to the scaffold and the block. Here it was that Anne Boleyn and small Jane, "Queen of Nine Days," came to be "received" on the steps by the Constable of the Tower and later, by their bloody deaths, to prove how dangerous it was to flout Tudor sovereignty.

Here, too, Sir Walter Raleigh, sailor, explorer and poet, landed to languish in prison many a weary year and be later brought forth to feel the axe which "cured all diseases." Small wonder that the executioner quailed before the steady gaze of the brave old man, and had to be admonished, "Strike, man, strike. What dost thou fear?" — Port of London Monthly.

## Could Be Avoided

Bank Wickets Are Places Where Queues Are Not Necessary

The Toronto Telegram says queues that are unavoidable may be ended without undue irritation. Another variety, about which something might be done, is caused by persons who expect bank tellers to make out their deposit or withdrawal slips.

Many banks display notices asking customers to fill in their slips. It is not or ought not to be part of the duty of tellers, except in cases of obvious incapacity.

Their patience with others is something at which to marvel. But to a customer with his deposit in order, standing back of a half-dozen adults who poke unsorted notes through the wicket unaccompanied by a bank slip, the spectacle represents a maddening theft of time.

## ARMISTICE CAR DESTROYED

PARIS.—The French Tourist Commission said the Compiegne armistice car, in which German and French representatives acknowledged defeat in ceremonies 22 years apart, was destroyed by fire during a wartime Allied air raid on Berlin.

The Germans moved the car to their capital from its historic site in France after the plenipotentiaries of Premier Marshal Petain signed the armistice with Hitler's representatives in the car June 21, 1940.

German representatives signed the armistice of 1918 there after the Allies overwhelmed the forces of Kaiser Wilhelm II.

The commissariat said the only thing saved from the fire was a French tablet telling of the 1918 armistice. The tablet has been returned to Compiegne.

## SOMETHING NEW

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Here's a variant on the case of dog bites man. Albert Striegel reported he thrust his left hand out of his automobile window to signal when a dog riding in a parallel auto bit him on the hand. Striegel said he was too startled to get the licence of the other machine.

## CAME IN HANDY

For special counter-intelligence work during the war, Australian intelligence officers were taught lip reading at Sydney's Deaf and Dumb school. The men trained became experts and practised long hours reading through binoculars.—Australian News.

## No Food Reserves

Situation In Ruhr Is Much Graver Than Last Year

A former Social Credit member of the Canadian house of commons is helping keep the Ruhr and surrounding districts from starvation.

A. H. Mitchell of Medicine Hat, Alta., who joined the Canadian army as a private in 1940 and ended the war as a lieutenant-colonel in British military government, since last July, has been deputy commander of the British north Rhine-Westphalia food organization.

His district, which includes the Ruhr and is one of three areas into which the British zone is divided, covers an area about the size of Alberta from Edmonton south, but crowded into it is a population of 11,500,000.

In this highly-industrialized, coal-and-steel-producing area the German food crisis centres and a catastrophe here would be felt through Europe. Mr. Mitchell said the food situation is "very much graver than last winter" when it was precarious enough. In 1945-46 the Germans had secret reserves of food but now these were exhausted.

## Wish Comes True

Woman Lighthouse Keeper Has Model Of Light On Her Grave

SPRUEB HEAD, Me.—The wish of the first woman lighthouse-keeper in the United States—Mrs. Abbie Grant—was honored by a group gathering to raise at her 34-year-old grave a model of the Matinicus Island light she tended before the Civil War.

The planting of a 14-inch aluminum lighthouse replica highlighted a dedication ceremony. Mrs. Grant was the daughter of the Matinicus lighthouse and took over operation of the offshore beacon after his death.

## BISHOP REPORTS 'BIBLE HUNGER' IN NORWAY

NEW YORK.—Describing what he termed a "Bible hunger in Norway" Bishop Rindvig Berggray, recently addressed the 128th anniversary meeting of the Norwegian Bible Society of which he is president, and revealed that 100,000 Bibles and New Testaments are being printed in Norway.

The Bishop further stated that the Norwegian group will join the United World Bible Society to be founded at an inaugural meeting in The Netherlands next June.

## CHEAP ALARM CLOCK

An Aberdeen, living alone, had an early morning train to catch. Being a heavy sleeper, he was afraid he would not wake up in time. Several possibilities presented themselves, but every one meant a tip. In the end, he addressed an envelope to himself and posted it without a stamp.

Early next morning there came a thunderous knock on the door. The Scot climbed out of bed and opened the window.

"Here's a letter for you," called the postman. "Fivepence to pay." "Tak' it back," commanded the Aberdeen. "Carelessness like that doesn't deserve to be encouraged."

## COVERED LARGE AREA

About 45,000,000 of the 57,000,000 square miles of the earth were involved in World War I. About 5,000,000 of the remainder are in Antarctica, where there are no inhabitants.



NEW "EYES" FOR BLIND HERO—Johnny Hammerton, blind hero of Arnhem, has found a new kind of sight in his dog "Katha". The dog and a four-weeks' training course during which the blind hero and Katha learned to know each other, were the gift of six business men from Johnny's home town of Chatham, Ont. Shown are Johnny, his comely British bride, Christine, whom he married before he lost his sight, and "Katha".

## Has Interesting History

No Station Gets More Publicity Than King's Cross In London

King's Cross Station in London, England, is to be rebuilt on modern lines, announces London & North Eastern Railway Magazine, describing the huge terminal as "probably from one angle or another the most publicized station in the world." King's Cross has an interesting history. When built in 1852 it was not only London's biggest station but its roof, patterned after the Czars' Riding School at Moscow, was reputed to be the world's largest.

Great Britain's first sleeping car ran from this station to Glasgow, Scotland, in 1879. Two years later Britain's first dining car was placed on the King's Cross-Leeds run. In 1894 the first British back circuit—a simple electrical contrivance upon which modern power signaling depends—was installed in tunnels just outside this station.

Nor is that all. The world's first restaurant car fitted with an electric kitchen left King's Cross on an express train to Leeds in 1921. Then in 1927 what is described as a global record in non-stop train running was set up on the King's Cross-Newcastle service. Eight years later Britain's first streamlined train, Silver Jubilee, began operating on the same run.

We wonder how many of America's great stations can match this impressive list of superlatives and how many of them, if any, are now undergoing extensive post-war modernization.

## TWO DRAWBACKS

When someone asked Sir Thomas Beecham the other day if there would be women in his new orchestra, the maestro said: "I don't know. I find one drawback with female musicians. If the lady is not well favored the male instrumentalists do not play near her. If she is well favored—they can't!"

## Defied The Navy

Pet Cat Just Climbed Higher When Rescue Was Attempted

ESQUIMAULT, B.C.—It took an admiral, a chimney sweep, the navy fire department, S.P.C.A., and lots of moral persuasion to convince an altitude-loving cat that its proper place was on a hearthtop before a fire instead of being "up a tree" here.

First seen the tabby was 50 feet up a tree, too high for a chimney sweep to reach with his gear. Captain James Barr, of the S.P.C.A., then was notified. He called Rear Admiral E. Mainguy, commanding officer of the naval barracks. The admiral quickly dispatched the navy fire department with ladders.

Tabby was reached, but made a record high jump out of reachers' arms and went further up the tree. The navy called a truce, pondered the problem overnight and went back with the result that the family pet of W. H. Walker is again purring in its favorite spot before the fireplace, content with thwarting the might of the Royal Canadian Navy for one whole night.

## ROUTINE JOB

A group of Canadian army and air force officers is making a study of parts of the north country from several different defence angles, a government official said, but he described it merely as "a routine job, the type of which we are doing all the time."

## Using Spare Time

What Some Men Have Done In Their Leisure Moments

Out in Chicago a butcher took up the pleasant pastime of constructive whittling after shop hours. For four years he devoted all his spare moments to converting a plank of wood 13 feet long and 22 inches wide into a chain. The final result was unique—a 350-foot length of unbroken links. Bursting with pride, the man of meat draped the chain over himself from head to foot and had photographs made for the benefit of posterity.

In California's Folsom Penitentiary an inmate who was a jeweller spent his spare time in constructing a clock exclusively out of the handles of worn-out toothbrushes. When finished after five months it ran smoothly and kept perfect time. Across the country, a Rochester man made an elaborate timepiece out of 22,000 pieces of wood. The job consumed eight hours daily for four and a half years and constituted the crowning achievement of thirty-three years of devotion to the hobby.

A man in De Ruyter, N.Y., constructed a perfect copy of Washington's Mount Vernon out of wood, paper and cardboard. He used up 3,795 pieces of material and the job consumed 475 hours. He informed the press, referring to a carefully kept work sheet. Near by, a Syracuse man constructed a perfect sailing vessel model two and a half feet long out of 3,600 wooden matches. All the matches had been struck.

In Salt Lake City a convict in the State prison constructed a walking cane almost entirely out of canceled postage stamps. He wound the paper bits around a thin steel core, saturating the project with glue as he went along. When dry he put it on a lathe and turned it into a spiral, topping it off with a brass knob and applying a coat of lacquer.

## Told Best Story

Veteran Of Zulu War Put Modern Soldiers In Shade

"Two days without food or water," announced the Commando to an admiring audience in the local "think of that."

"Pretty bad," agreed a middle-aged man; "but how would you like to have fought in the trenches in Flanders? Sometimes we were up to the waist in icy water and mud for a week or more."

"Call yourself soldiers?" snorted a very old man, who had hobbled up to the bar. "Pah! When I was in the Zulu war a spear knocked me down and pinned me to the ground. I couldn't move, and I lay there for a week without food and drink!"

"By Jove!" exclaimed the Commando. "It must have been very painful."

"Not very," answered the old man; "only when I laughed."—Financial Post.

## TEMPERATURE HIGH

Temperatures of 1,000,000 degrees in the corona of the sun associated with the emission of radio waves with a length of one meter are reported by Dr. D. F. Martyn, of Canberra, and Dr. J. L. Pawsey, of Chippendale, Australia, in a communication to "Nature". The surface of the sun, from which visible radiation is emitted, has a temperature of only 6,000 degrees.

Each cakin of the pussycat represents from 20 to 100 frowls.

## GERMAN INVENTOR OF V-2 ENVISIONS TRIP TO MOON

Thinks In 10 To 20 Years We May Go Around World In Rockets

FORT BLISS, Tex.—A titled young German's schoolboy dreams of "going to the moon" inspired studies leading to development of the V-2 rocket. Partial lifting of a light curtain of military secrecy brought the disclosure that the V-2's principal inventor, blond, 34-year-old Baron Werner von Braun, has been in this country a year as a civilian consultant in the Army's guided missiles research program.

The one-time technical director of Germany's Peenemunde proving ground on the Baltic Sea heads the group of Germans engaged in rocket studies at Fort Bliss and the White Sands proving ground.

In the first interview the Army has permitted with Von Braun he disclosed: Production of the V-2 was too small at the time to have delayed the Allied invasion of Normandy. It later was stepped up to 400 a month.

One-third of the tests at White Sands have been failures, against 5 per cent, at Peenemunde. This was largely due to age of the reassembled Nazi rockets and rough handling in shipment to this country.

With facilities available at Peenemunde, Von Braun believes he might have put a rocket on the moon in 10 years.

"Man could ride the V-2 now," Von Braun said. "The main trouble is how to get him down."

Ludwig Roth, 37-year-old designer-engineer, told newsmen he thought it possible that "in 10 to 20 years we may go around the world in rockets."

## Industry Thrived

Germans Started Making Hairnets In Chefoo After First World War

When Chinese central government troops were moving on the Chinese Communist port of Chefoo, on the Shantung peninsula across from Dairen, it fascinated the National Geographic Society, which knew that Chefoo produced more hairnets, made of human hair than any other spot in the world.

Germans brought the industry to Chefoo during World War I, and it thrived because of abundant pigstails and low cost labor. Farm women learn the trade in the city and then make the nets at home on winter nights.

In the 1920s Chefoo exported \$5,000,000 worth of hairnets a year, and 17,000 persons worked at it. The trade fell off sharply when the heads came in, but there still was a pent-up demand now that the war is over. The United States bought \$245,000 worth from Chefoo in May.—New York Herald Tribune.

## RATS SCARE PARIS CATS

PARIS.—A rat killing week was opened in Place Maubert, near the Seine, with the state issuing boxes of poison to housewives. Many said they would rely on cats but others asserted the sewers and catacombs had developed rats so big that even the biggest cats were afraid of them.

## JUST OLD STUFF

Think the shortage of dwellings is something new? The lead editorial in the Branford Expositor of October 10, 1903, was headed, "The Housing Famine."

## Food And Work For All 17 Members Of This Farm Family



Just about champions in the large-family class are the 17 Leonard, Paul, Lucille, Charlie, Bottom, Rose Marie, Madeleine, day dinner. They eat at least seven loaves of bread in one day. Farm and household chores keep the big family of young folks busy.

WORLD HAPPENINGS  
BRIEFLY TOLD

New Zealand is sending to Britain 27 food ships carrying 46,800 tons of butter and 35,000 tons of cheese.

Preliminary plans are under way for the construction of a \$700,000 students' union building on the University of Alberta campus.

The royal arms of Charles II, lost for 100 years, have been found in a recess of a window in Hoxton Church near Dia, Norfolk, England.

Forty young Scots men and women plan to establish a communal farm in a remote Highland glen as the first stage in setting up a "new world."

Ships' officers were told at a conference that more officers left the British merchant navy during the last year than were lost during the whole war.

The Canadian farmer received more for agricultural products at Sept. 15 this year than at the same date in 1945, the Dominion bureau of statistics reported.

A new and modern health and occupational centre for veterans convalescing from war wounds is to be erected at Kirkfield Park, three miles west of Winnipeg.

Large-scale production of a pink-colored steel, said to have great use in the construction of monuments and memorials, has begun in the Ural metal plants, Moscow area reported.

# Health LEAGUE of CANADA presents TOPICS OF VITAL INTEREST

## CANADA'S INTERESTS NOT SERVED BY PASTEURIZATION OPPONENTS

The best interests of Canada are not being served by those individuals who oppose compulsory pasteurization of milk, Dr. Gordon Bates said in a recent interview. Dr. Bates, General Director of the Health League of Canada, reaffirmed the League's determination to achieve universal pasteurization throughout the Dominion.

Majority at present is the only province-wide legislation in Canada.

Those individuals who, chiefly by letters to newspapers, attack the advisability of pasteurization are either ignorant of the facts or are prompted by other motives, Dr. Bates said. "It should be realized that these persons are setting up their unsupported opinions against the universal findings of the medical profession and associated scientific workers."

"Milk is a wholesome and beneficial food if it is pasteurized. In its raw state it can be a menace to health and life. Those who oppose pasteurization should be prepared to accept some responsibility for the harvest of lives and sickness taken annually in Canada by such milk-borne diseases as bovine tuberculosis, undulant fever, typhoid and paratyphoid fever, septic sore throat, diphtheria, scarlet fever and dysentery."

Dr. Bates said it is necessary to weed out of dairy herds those animals suffering from tuberculosis, Bang's disease, and other communicable diseases. However, this would not alone assure a safe milk supply, because milk frequently was found to have been contaminated by human hands.

"To be completely safe, milk must come from certified animals, it must be cleanly handled, and it must be pasteurized," he said. "Pasteurization should be insisted on as an effective additional safeguard over and above all sanitary precautions."

### WINTER PAINTING

The winter months provide a good time to repaint window screens at leisure in preparation for their use again in the spring. Fine mesh screen should be painted on both sides to ensure full protection of the wire. This best done by using a small piece of carpet which is dampened with paint and rubbed over the screen. If a paint brush is used, care should be taken to make sure that the paint is fairly thin so that it won't clog the screening by too heavy a coating.

### BIGGEST EATERS

PARIS.—Three men contested the title of the biggest eater in Bayonne. One died of indigestion and the two others are seriously ill in a hospital, the *Paris Co-Sole* said. The three sat down to a meal consisting of an enormous steak, a rabbit, and 20 pounds of beans. Shortly after leaving the table one collapsed and died, a second was struck with paralysis, and the third had a heart attack.

### LIVED TO BENEFIT

Harvey R. Senior, 96, Albany, Ill., lived to collect his own insurance policy. He received a check for \$1,011.89 for a policy taken out in 1911 when he was 61. Mortality tables show only three out of 10,000 persons live to be 96.

## Chinese Dream Of Home Becomes Reality

Six Hundred Residents Of Canada Sail For Land Of Birth

VANCOUVER.—Long-held dreams of a return to the watery land of their birth became a reality recently for more than 400 Chinese residents of Canada as they embarked on the first leg of their long journey, many to seek families scattered by long years of strife, others going home to die.

They came from far-flung regions of the Dominion west of Montreal to join this biggest exodus since 1939 when war restrictions put a clamp on travel. Most were men and most were aged, going home to stay. But about 40 per cent. will return when their business in China is done.

As they boarded a train here for San Francisco, immigration authorities saw in the movement, possibilities of a definite decrease in Canada's Chinese population.

More than 800 are on reservation lists awaiting passage, and still other hundreds are waiting to get on the lists, now closed because of a shortage of space.

Even while the 600 entrained for Frisco from where they sail, movements were afoot in Victoria and Ottawa for repeal of the 1952 Chinese Immigration act.

The Hoysan Ningyung Benevolent association, wired Prime Minister Mackenzie King urging that Chinese be admitted to Canada under the general quota system. At Ottawa a delegation of citizens, interviewing Resources Minister Glen, described as "archaic" the act placing limitations on Chinese allowed to enter Canada. They urged its repeal at the next session of parliament.

Mr. Glen promised "immediate consideration."

### Fantastic Idea

Chicago Inventor Believes Cities In The Air Are Feasible

Inventor Leonard Z. Flebnek suggested a new solution for the housing shortage. He wants to build cities in the air.

Flebnek, president of an invention engineering firm and founder of the inventors club of Chicago, said an all-aluminum, helium-filled, jet-propelled city could be built in just a few years at a cost much lower than the cities now resting on the earth.

In 20 years as an engineer, he has invented a cookie-making machine, a peanut machine, a gadget that mends runs in women's stockings, permanent waving machines, juke boxes, electric rifle games and precision tools.

Now he wants to go up in the air and take his neighbors with him.

His cities not only could be clean and airy, but they could fly south with the birds in the winter and hover over cool sections of the world in summer, he said.

"If residents of a city didn't like the government which rented them moving space, they could decide and fly away to a better country," he said.

"I'm not just building castles in the air either. It can be done."

But Flebnek said he was willing to make a modest beginning on his housing-in-the-air project. He offered to start by building individual houses with a cruising speed of 150 miles an hour. He figures he could build two and a half room houses for \$1,500 each on an assembly-line basis.

The houses would be dirigible-shaped, with a gas compartment where the back would be and the pilot's seat on the "veranda." The living quarters would be in the front section, with heat supplied by conventional airplane-type heaters.

"There are all kinds of possibilities to this kind of house," Flebnek said. "It means people could see the world without ever leaving home."

Wives, for instance, could drive their husbands to work, hitch the house to the top of their office buildings and then spend the day shopping in the city. At night, they could propel their home to a secluded spot in the sky away from noisy neighbors.

"And on vacations, they could fly to a nice, quiet stream, moor the house to a tree and fish from the kitchen window," he added.

—By Les Carroll

THE TILLERS

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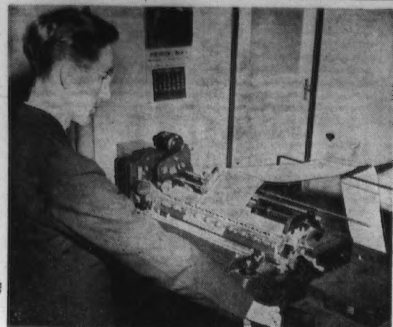
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**SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH SERVICES**—If you have registered and paid your fee, you'll receive one of the Hospital Services Cards passing through this machine in the tabulation office of the Saskatchewan Health Services Planning Commission. Saskatchewan residents have until December 31 to register and pay, but should not wait until the end of the month to avoid delay and disappointment. Rural residents should register at their municipal offices or ask municipal secretaries for forms, which should be completed and sent back with the fees.

### Speedy Operator

Proprietor Of Grocery Store Had Reason For Being Courteous

The proprietor of the grocery store had shown marked attention to one of his customers. He practically bowed to the man as he departed from the store. Another customer, a newcomer to the neighborhood, had witnessed the proceedings and thinking that the other man was some celebrity, remarked: "I noticed that you treated your last customer with some deference." "Yes," replied the proprietor, "he's one of our early settlers." "He doesn't appear over 40 to me," further observed the other, "I think you're right about that," answered the grocer, "but he always takes care of his bill on the first of the month."

### A Valued Customer

Man In Tasmania Sheared 318 Sheep In Eight Hours

At Ross, Tasmania, Allen Hayes broke his own Tasmanian record when he sheared 318 sheep in a day of eight hours. The sheep were well-grown Corridales. This record is within three sheep of the Australian record, made by Jack Howe at Alice Spring, Queensland, in 1892. Hayes' previous Tasmanian record of 311 was made four years ago. He averaged a sheep in every 100 seconds in his latest feat.—Australian News.

Although the Chinese used gunpowder for flares, Friar Roger Bacon of England, discovered its explosive qualities hundreds of years later.

## Mounted Police Deny Horse Is Outmoded

Will Be Used Where Modern Machines Are Helpless

OTTAWA.—One of the best friends of man's best friend, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police rose in spirit-defence of the horse.

Although he has been driven into the background by modern mechanism, the horse is far from being through, say the Mounties stoutly.

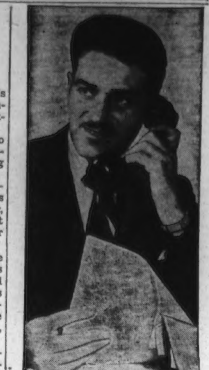
"Police forces everywhere have become mechanized. But while this supplanting process has advanced far, it is certain from the police viewpoint that a final blow to live horse-power never will be struck."

The R.C.M.P. was moved to the horse's defense by a Canadian Press story which pointed out that in all Canada there were only 200 horses used by police, including the R.C.M.P., and added, "That fine figure on horseback, the mounted policeman, has had his day."

"Though nearly ousted by the motor car," said the Quarterly, "motor cycle and plane in the fast pace set by modern law enforcement, the horse still must take over on back concessions on those not infrequent occasions when nature holds the polished machine helpless in her grip."

"Since the force's inception in 1873, the horse has been a major factor in our history. In the future, too, he will have his special role, for he continues to reign supreme in some phases of police work."

An electronic machine has been developed which roasts green coffee in a two-minute operation and turns itself off; normal roasting time has been 15 minutes.



**CANADIAN OFFICIAL U.N. DECORATOR**—A young Canadian, Lloyd B. Herman, Toronto, has been responsible for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for the furnishings and decorations of United Nations buildings at Lake Success and Flushing Meadows. He preferred a blue and gold color scheme as being most restful. He estimates two million dollars have been spent on U.N. buildings and grounds. He also decorated the U.N. London conference rooms.

Puerto Rico is the most mountainous island in the south Atlantic.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD By WILLIAM FERGUSON



**BEES** CANNOT FLY AGAINST STRONG WINDS!  
GET TOO WINDY TO FLY AND I HAD A DATE WITH MY LOVER!  
FIRST EDITIONS ARE THE LAST THING, AS FAR AS BOOK COLLECTORS ARE CONCERNED.  
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### LIFE'S LIKE THAT By Fred Neher



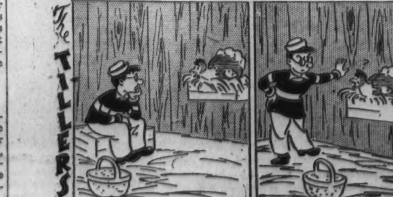
"Have you change for a nickel?"



PEGGY



THE TILLERS



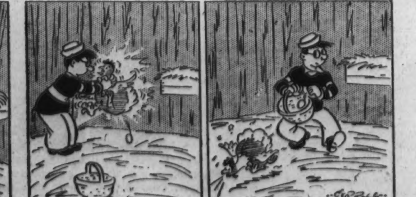
### By Margarita



—By Chuck Thurston



—By Les Carroll



# NO BUTTER NEEDED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE



## MAGIC CHEESE BISCUITS

1½ cups flour 1 tbs. shortening  
1 cup milk 4 tbs. shortening  
1 tbs. salt 4 tbs. shortening  
2 tbs. Magic Baking Powder  
(When half-baked, place square of cheese on top of biscuits for extra flavor)

Sift dry ingredients together; cut in shortening. Mix in milk. Lightly add milk slowly. Roll out on floured board to ½ inch thick; cut with small biscuit cutter. Bake in hot oven (475°) 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 12.



## Longest in History

Coal Strike in British Columbia Has Lasted For 93 Years

NANAIMO, B.C.—Coal strikes can be long affairs. One has been going on here for 93 years and the men are still out.

Henry Castillon, K.C., of Vancouver, told the Nanaimo Pioneer's Society about it.

Indian miners went on strike in 1853, and a native has never worked in the mines since.

The Indians were later to dig coal for His Majesty's ship Cornwall. They received four shillings a day, plus presents for their chiefs, but they soon quit demanding higher pay. There was no settlement.

Mining methods were crude, the miners being lowered into the shaft in a big tub.

Mr. Castillon described the walk-out as the "longest" coal miners strike in history.

## PROTEIN OF WESTERN WHEAT IS WELL MAINTAINED

The average protein content of the 1946 Western wheat crop is 13.8 per cent, according to the latest crop bulletin issued by the Laboratory of the Board of Grain Commissioners. This figure is exactly the same as that for the 1945 crop, and 0.2 per cent higher than the mean for the past 20 years.

Protein values examined by provinces show that there are differences in provincial figures between this year and last. Values for Manitoba and Saskatchewan are higher by 0.6 and 0.3 per cent, and for Alberta lower by 0.7 per cent, this year.

West. Can. Man. Sask. Alberta  
1946 13.8 13.2 14.4 13.2  
1945 13.8 12.3 14.1 13.9

## RELIEVES MISERIES OF

# Baby's Cold As He Sleeps



Penetrates deep into bronchial tubes with its soothing medicinal vapors. Stimulates the chest and back surfaces like a good warming poultice.

Warning, soothing relief—great relief—comes when you rub good old Vicks VapoRub on the throat, chest and back at bedtime. Its penetrating-stimulating action keeps on working for hours. Invigorates sleep. And often by morning most misery of the cold is gone. No wonder most mothers use VapoRub. Try it tonight—home-proved VICKS VapoRub.

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## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

# ROSARY OF REMEMBRANCE

By HILDA W. CAUFIELD

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AN age has passed since I received the official telegram. Though it marked the end of a cycle in my life, that day does not stand out in my mind as a day of horror, for I did not believe the message. You could not be dead, you who were the most alive and vital person I had ever known. Besides, your gay whimsical letters came that week and the next. Then there were no more letters.

Nothing, only silence. The realization must have come gradually, till finally I accepted the belief that you were dead.

When that realization, it suddenly seemed terribly important that I should know how you came to death. Were you blown to bits by the explosion? Were you struck by falling debris to suffer before the end, or did you cling to a bit of wreckage till numb fingers relaxed and you sank down and down into the green depths of the sea? Feverishly I wrote to names and addresses of survivors gleaned from newspaper lists. Sometimes no answer came. Those that did were sympathetic but not helpful. None could tell me what it seemed I must know.

The children could not sympathize. True, they demanded attention and care, diverting my mind from its torture, but to them you were only a bright and gallant picture on my dresser. You had never seen Ronnie and Janet and to them you were only a bright and gallant picture on my dresser.

I longed passionately for some gift or talent to perpetuate your memory. If only I could paint a beautiful portrait of you, or if I could dedicate sonnets or prose tributes to you, or compose a grand musical aria in remembrance. I ached for the ability...

"...round them with the breeze of song."

To be a little dust of praise."

But I had nothing, only the children. I was glad beyond words that I had them, glad that we had not let the war hinder plans we had made that summer for marriage in the autumn. At our ages it would have been foolish to postpone it, even though, knowing you as I did, I was certain you would soon leave me. But I would have loved you less if you had hesitated in that moment.

Your leaves were times of happiness, exquisite even in memory. Yes, I had memories, so many, so many, but I could not remember you. I counted over, treasuring each one, beginning with the first time brother and I brought you home, even though, knowing you as I did, I was certain you would soon leave me. But I would have loved you less if you had hesitated in that moment.

I could only whisper in return the pledge.

"Forever!"

And when the mist of tears cleared away, you were gone. I lived. I counted the pearls, always turning back when I came to the cross. I could not kiss the cross.

The memories were sweet, but I knew that I who had loved you so dearly could not always keep you vivid in memory.

"If you grasp memory with too heavy a hand You will destroy memory with all its glories"

You told yourself of the dead."

So the agonizing days of a long winter dragged on and on into spring. Perhaps it was with the spring that a truer sense of values came to me. I cannot claim any vision or revelation or message from you. Perhaps the real idea of your immortality reached me with the spring, for the urge of new life all around me must surely bring a corresponding urge of hope in the heart. I only know that one day in the garden when Janet and Ronnie were over the tulips you planted, the thought came to me that these children were your immortality. The idea came quite simply and quietly as if it had been in my subconscious mind a long time and only flowered to light in the spring sunshine seeding your tulips and your children all in one picture. The children were you, and you were they, here and alive. Seeing them, people and things were yours. And they, they would say, "He has the same dark eyes as his father, lost with the 'Anasua,' you know." And of Janet, "Looks like her mother, but has the characteristics of her father, lost with the 'Anasua,' you know."

You would not be forgotten. The thought opened up all sorts of delightful possibilities. Suddenly, I wanted to sing and dance and be gay as I had not felt for months. A burden was lifted from my heart. Now, counting the pearls of remembrance, I could kiss the cross.

Now it is full summer. I write to you often. Never having had much life together, I like to think you have a little farther away for a little longer time. I feel closer to you now in my new happiness than I did in my grief, for you were always so happy and gay.

On sunny afternoons I lie out under your beloved white birch and look into the blue sky overhead. Sometimes great white clouds float about like ships. I imagine you leaning out from a cloudship in the sea of sky, and shouting down, "Hi, Sweet, is everything okay with you?"

And I wave back and answer, "Everything's okay, Ron."

## Fashions



4531  
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By ANNE ADAMS

## For A "Good" Doll

To thrill a little girl and her doll make this doll outfit—hat, jumper, jacket, blouse, coat, robe, pajamas, lingerie—Pattern 4531.

This pattern, easy to use, simple to sew, is tested for fit. Includes complete illustrated instructions.

Pattern 4531 is available for dolls 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 inches. For individual yardages, see pattern.

Send twenty cents (20c) in coin (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 115 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg, Man.

## Service Extended

Regulations Governing Parcels For Europe Have Been Eased

Parcel post service to Albania, Bulgaria and Romania is now resumed after having been suspended for some time, it has been announced.

Total weight of parcels to these countries must not exceed 11 pounds and total value must not be more than \$25. No one sender may send more than two parcels per week, each of which must be to different addresses.

Certain articles of value, such as new wearing apparel, may be subject to import restrictions and senders are advised by postal authorities to find out from the addressee whether the articles they intend to send to relatives and friends would be exempt from such restrictions.

Commercial parcels may be sent to Bulgaria and Romania but for the present the service to Albania is restricted to gift parcels.

## TO HONOR BUFFALO BILL

CODY, Wyo.—A mammoth plastic buffalo may one day be erected atop Cedar Mountain here in memory of Buffalo Bill. Sculptor Lawrence Tenny Stevens says he plans to build a buffalo on the mountain to stand 150 or 200 feet high and have an elevator, lunch room, curio shop and perhaps a cocktail lounge built inside the body.

## VERY CONSIDERATE

WILMINGTON, Del.—Vandals who entered a furniture store during a weekend slashed furniture valued at \$2,200 and stole \$400. Before they left they pasted a penny under a piece of scotch tape along with a pencilled message: "We didn't take all your money." 2703

## TRAPPERS USE PLANE TO HUNT COYOTES

Ex-United States Army Flyers Use Ski-Equipped Aircraft

OGEA, Sask.—Air warfare on coyotes is being waged today in this prairie district 50 miles south of Regina by two commercial hunters equipped with a tiny ski-equipped aircraft and a shotgun.

The men, Irving Larson, 23-year-old ex-United States Army flyer and Walter Colly, 36, both of Stanley, N.D., have a license to hunt the animals in Canada.

The plane swoops over the prairie buck-brush within a 30-mile radius of Ogea, searching out the animals and Colly shoots them while Larson manoeuvres the plane.

The hunters land the aircraft beside the shot animals and skin them on the spot. They have shot up 11 in one morning and the pelts are worth \$12 each.

The air hunters say the coyotes stand up on their hind legs as the aircraft swoops low trying to ward off the attack.

## Profitable Industry

Experiment In Developing B.C. Shellfish Has Been Success

The news is good from the "nurseries" in the cold, deep lagoon 80 miles north of Burrard Inlet.

More than 1,600 lobsters were "planted" there last spring by the Dominion Government, and now federal fish scientists report the experiment is prospering. The newcomers to this coast are lively and healthy and are developing eggs which promise the gourmets a steady diet of a new and delicious B.C. shellfish.

Paralleling this development is renewed interest in the Queen Charlotte Island crab fisheries, which have been carried on in a small way for years.

The toothsome shrimp, which flourishes in a number of beds along the coast, also is winning attention and promises to invade new markets before long.

These developments indicate the birth of a new and profitable industry and illustrate how British Columbia's unsuspected resources can be tapped by a little ingenuity and imagination.

No longer will the menus offer Lobster A La Newburg. They will offer Lobster A La Vancouver—Vancouver Province.

## Perfect Hands

Four Bridge Players Too Started To Make Bid

LONDON, Ont. Four perfect bridge hands were dealt in a friendly game here. The "miracle" didn't end there—they were dealt in order of value from clubs to spades. Tak Gakenura, fed himself the clubs. Other players were Mary Murkami, Fred Kagawa and Arthur Nunoda. Everyone was so startled there was no bidding. "It was just too much for us," said Miss Murkami.

Sidney S. Lenz, in the Encyclopedia of Bridge by Ely Culbertson, dealing with the perfect hand in bridge, has this to say:

"In a pack of 32 cards, there are 33,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,404,000 combinations, not two alike. Any 13-card hand should appear once in 635,013,589,600 deals. A player averaging eight rubbers a day with each rubber averaging six deals in 300 working days per year would have held 14,000 hands. A specific hand should appear once every 44,098,164 years, or any suit of 13 cards is one in the law of averages in short intervals of 11,024,541 years."

The earliest recorded mention of Indian summer is 1794.

# The Quality Tea "CAT" TEA

## Did The Right Thing

Story About British Sergeant Proves That Self Control Pays

Stressing the moral advantages which the community gains from the fighting services, where discipline teaches men and women to exercise self control, Sir Philip Joubert, Director of Public Relations at the Air Ministry, relates this story from Germany at a recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon in London: A Sergeant, whose duty it was to lead a British convoy, went up to the commanding officer and said: "What do you do about this, sir?" He explained that at a crossroad, while he was stopping traffic to let the convoy pass, an old woman had spat at him. "What did you do?" his commanding officer asked. "I gave her a bar of chocolate, sir." "And what did she do?" "She burst into tears."



BARREL FOR HOME—When he couldn't find a home for his family, Ardell Hagen moved into this 20-foot-high barrel, formerly a beverage stand, near Devils Lake, N.D. A hamburger stand takes the first floor, with 14-foot-diameter living quarters on the second floor.

## New Use For Aluminum

Australian Has Very Original Idea For Re-heating Old Shoes

Gus Crooke, an Australian radio man, thinks he has solved the problem of "re-heating" old shoes. One morning, he chanced upon a line of women outside a Sydney shoe repair shop, who were obviously waiting to have new heels put on their shoes. To Gus, this was an unnecessary waste of time. He hit upon the idea for a shoe with an arch aluminum sole and a high aluminum heel. At the moment, it looks as if it will earn him a fortune, says Australian News.

The idea of quality is the key to the success of the shoe. At the bottom is a detachable layer of rubber or leather. The purchaser of every pair of shoes is given a number of spare heels. When one wears out, the wearer simply inserts another. The total weight of a pair of shoes is only 2½ ounces. Apart from their convenience, the inventor claims that they are strong enough to withstand a pressure of some tons, store patens have been applied for and already orders have been received from North and South America, France, India, Palestine, South Africa, Singapore, Burma.

## SELECTED RECIPES

### BUTTERSCOTCH SURPRISE CAKES

1½ cups sifted Swans Down cake flour  
1½ teaspoon salt  
1½ cup butter or other shortening  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg, well beaten  
2 squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted  
1½ cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well; then add chocolate and blend. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Turn into greased large cup-cake pans, filling them about ¾ full. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) 20 to 25 minutes, or until done. Makes 1 dozen.

When cakes are cool, remove cone-shaped piece from centre of each cup cake. Fill hollow with Jell-O Butterscotch Cream Filling and replace top. Other fluffy fillings or soft frostings may be used to fill Surprise Cakes; or these chocolate cup cakes may be served plain, frosted, or topped with a sauce.

### Jell-O Butterscotch Cream Filling

1 cup light cream, whipped (¾ recipe)

Place pudding powder in saucepan. Add milk, egg, stirring constantly. Cook and stir over low flame until mixture comes to a boil and is thickened. Cool, stirring occasionally. Fold in whipped cream. Makes 2½ cups filling.

### How to Whip Light Cream

2 tablespoons cold water  
1½ teaspoons granulated gelatin  
1 cup light cream

Few grains of salt

Add water gradually to gelatin in small bowl, mixing well. Heat and stir over boiling water until gelatin is completely dissolved. Remove from boiling water, add cream and salt, and mix. Place in bowl of ice water and whip it once.

Egg beater 5 to 7 minutes, or until mixture begins to hold shape around side of bowl. Remove from ice water and stir gently with spoon until smooth. Serve, or store in refrigerator until needed, stirring well before using.

Or chill in refrigerator instead of ice. When thickened, beat until light and fluffy. Return to refrigerator to set slightly.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA'S TOURIST TRAFFIC NEARLY DOUBLED

VICTORIA, — British Columbia's tourist traffic for the first 10 months of the current year almost doubled that of 1945 the department of trade and industry reported.

To October 31, total American cars entering the province was 160,495 as against the 1945 total of 90,318.

For Canada as a whole the 10 months figures were 1,384,900 foreign cars, an increase of 70 per cent.

Mara has an atmosphere, but it does not contain enough oxygen, to allow a man to breathe.

# The fastest way to smoking pleasure!



## NOW AVAILABLE IN ½ LB. TINS

## Fifty Years Ago

This poem was recited at the Old Old Times annual church service and an unanimous request was made to Mr. Muir to furnish a copy to The Olds Gazette to be printed for the benefit of members unable to be present and for some who had moved away.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

We all know why we've met tonight to greet each other well,  
It's Pioneer Night, and so we know  
That stories we should tell  
Of days so long gone by, and memories  
Kind and true,  
And so I'll try to do my part and  
Bring a few to you.  
Think of this country as it was  
Some fifty years ago,  
It was so very different, as I will  
Try to show.

In Olds some thirty people lived—  
A tiny village then,  
And houses you could count around  
I'm told were only ten.  
Soon settlers came to stake a claim,  
They drove both east and west,  
Then hurried into Calgary to file  
On what seemed best.  
In every heart there was a dream;  
His future home he saw,  
Light shining from his window and  
A pathway to his door.  
Here and there by gentle hill-slope  
Or the shelter of a bluff  
Could be seen a pioneer cabin made  
From timber, strong and rough.  
In the yard would be a wagon,  
With its tires strong and wide,  
And perhaps a hefty ox-yoke  
Would be lying by its side.  
Down by some little clearing,  
A mower and rake you'd see  
And a trusty scythe-blade hanging  
In a tree.  
There'd be some odds and ends of  
stuff, a grindstone by the door,  
Some wood to cut on sawhorse  
small that always was a chore.  
Well-sharpened posts and piles of  
rails meant work for many a day,  
For every pioneer too well knew  
how easily stock could stray.  
And then there was the breaking  
plow with share sharp and bright,  
Piles of new-picked rocks and  
smouldering fire's light.  
And so the stout of heart worked on  
in unrelenting toil,  
Building up the homestead and  
breaking up new soil.  
They never thought their task to  
leave or other lot to choose;  
To change their place with any  
man they quickly would refuse.  
But others, wearied with the toil,  
could not endure the race,  
Scanned at the evening ahead—  
its burden could not face,  
So many a homestead shack was  
left deserted lone they stood,  
Sheltering on the prairie or built  
by sheltering wood.

Now think about the wagon trails,  
with many a log and curve,  
And those rutted side-hills, where  
the wheels would lift and swerve.  
No engineer had mapped a course,  
no bridges yet been made;  
So the pioneer made his way  
by use of ax and spade.  
Now traffic speeds on highways  
wide, where once the packhorse  
trod,  
And hard-surfaced pavement crosses  
trails upon the sod.  
In wooded land so oft you'd see  
the freshly bloodied tree.  
The first to pass the bark would  
strip so followers could see  
Where it was best to make a trail  
o'er muskeg, stream or wood,  
And those faithful sentinels at  
attention stood.  
And pointed out to passer-by  
the way to safely tread,  
And ever you were watching to see  
the tree ahead.

In days when trails were winding  
and long trips must be made  
With muskeg kind of shanty, you  
often made a spade;  
And if the streams were rising  
and currents running strong,  
And men-folk on the other side,  
the day'd be kind of long.  
Oh, how at night you'd listen  
for the sound of wagon wheels  
your heart would seem to yearn.  
You'd go outside to listen, put your  
ear to the ground,  
And despair would settle o'er you  
when you failed to hear a sound.  
By and by across the valley,  
perhaps you heard, or maybe not,  
So you'd stir the smould'ring fire  
so the supper would be hot.  
The children are all sleeping, free  
from care on dreamland's shore,  
While you go once more to listen  
out the battered kitchen door.  
Then on the stony hilltop,  
the wagon wheels you hear,  
And you feel so thankful that they  
are coming near.  
So I always think of wagon wheels  
in a friendly sort of way,  
And love to hear their rattle at the  
closing of the day.

In autumn and in springtime, when  
the grass was dead and brown,  
And smoke into the valley would  
slowly settle down;  
When all day long the sun would  
glaze with a weird, reddish glow,  
You'd know a devastating fire not  
far away did blow.  
A fire-guard was quickly plowed;  
lookings, too, were made,  
But for that little frontier home for  
days you'd be afraid.  
For many a night a watch was  
kept when tree-tops burned like  
sage.

## Water for Livestock in Winter



Livestock need plenty of water to drink in cold as well as in warm weather. A supply of good drinking water for farm animals in winter is just as important as in summer, and requires more care on the part of the farmer if the livestock are to do well. It is poor business, says the Dominion Department of Agriculture, to skimp on the drinking water supply in winter weather, as the animals are often entirely at the mercy of the farmer in this respect, which is not so much the case in the summer. Milk cows should not be given ice cold water in winter time.

### MY DAILY PRAYER

Author Unknown  
"This coming year I'd like to be a  
friend to everyone;  
I'd like to feel each day well spent  
at setting of the sun;  
I'd like to know that I have done  
some good cry for sympathy,  
at least one kindly deed,  
Before I lay me down to sleep that  
I have given heed—  
or friendship or that I  
Have made the day seem brighter  
to some chance passer-by;  
And that the world is better still in  
just some little way,  
Because I've tried to live the very  
best I could each day.

"I'd like to be a ray of light when  
sides are overcast,  
I'd like to help someone who failed  
to blot out all the pain;  
To stir again despite the storm  
and find the skies are blue,  
To find that in this good old world  
there's lots that's true and true;  
I'd like to be the kind of person  
everyone will love.  
And make the world seem just a  
little more like heaven above;  
I'd like in all my dealings to be  
true and just and fair,  
That God will help me do these  
things shall be my daily prayer."

The Rev. Martin Niemöller, who  
preferred to spend eight years in  
Nazi concentration camps rather  
than approve of the actions  
taken in a speaking pose at his  
New York hotel as he prepared to  
visit the Federal Council of Churches  
Christ in America. After his  
Seattle appearance, Pastor Niemöller  
will make a lecture tour of the  
U.S. and possibly Canada. He was  
a U-bet commander in World War  
I, and was credited with sinking  
35,000 tons of Allied shipping.

And patiently you longed for rain  
to take away your cares.  
Travel the whole world over and  
see the best of it,  
And there is many a masterpiece  
that would quickly touch the  
heart.  
For none of these can quite com-  
pare with a picture in my mind,  
Although it is in any gallery I know  
you could never find.  
It's the picture of the pioneer  
brooding the clean, pure seed,  
On land so new and fertile that  
you couldn't find a weed.  
Up and down the field he travels,  
flinging seeds at every best,  
With the clear blue above him  
and the soil beneath his feet.  
In his heart there's a longing for  
the harvest time to come.  
When he'll reap the ripened kern-  
els for the labor he has done.  
There was many a day of struggle,  
through the years that now are  
past,  
But the pioneer always had an aim  
to reach his goal at last!

"To make the going easier" for  
the ones who came behind,  
Was the thought that stirred him,  
was ever in his mind.  
To us they left a heritage with a  
work to carry on—  
And may we, as well as they, leave  
our task well done.  
I pause to think of those who've  
gone, to honor those who're here,  
And may the pioneer spirit live in  
us throughout the year.

### —FANNY S. MAUR.

## Preparing Grain for Exhibition

To the young farm people of Al-  
berta exhibiting grain at the forth-  
coming Provincial Junior Seed Fair  
in Calgary, the field crops branch  
offers the following suggestions for  
preparation of samples.  
"Examine your grain for the very  
best kernels. If you find 10 per  
cent suitable for your exhibit you  
are lucky, and you can place how  
you can eliminate the other 90 per  
cent in the easiest way. The use  
of the fanning mill or suitable  
hand screens are the most efficient  
methods of separating the unwanted  
kernels. After the under-sized  
and thinner kernels have been dis-  
carded, screen off also the coarse  
kernels. Any few kernels with  
defective color or quality  
and such as show disease, mecha-  
nical damage, or immaturity, etc.,  
may then be removed by hand.  
"A reasonable amount of polish-  
ing in a cotton sack will improve  
the lustre and increase the weight  
per measured bushel. But polish-  
ing must be done carefully, so as  
not to overdo the process by ex-  
cessive drying out and the con-  
sequent loss of lustre.  
The provincial Junior Seed Fair  
will be held in Calgary on Jan. 23,  
24 and 25. Samples for exhibition  
must arrive at the plant-husdese  
division, Dominion Department of  
Agriculture, Calgary, by Saturday,  
Jan. 18. Full details of rules, prizes  
and instructions can be had on re-  
quest from district agriculturists  
or from the Field Crops Branch  
of the Alberta Department of Agri-  
culture.

TO THEIR MAJESTIES  
THE KING AND QUEEN  
THE MAN WHO FILLED THE  
GAP  
He wasn't really born to it,  
He wasn't first in line,  
He always stood in second place,  
And let his brother shine.  
She didn't marry a King, you know,  
She never thought that he  
Would be called on to fill the place  
And she a Queen would be.  
They loved and laughed and cen-  
tered were  
And two lovely children had,  
And she seemed just a bonny lass,  
And he a regular lad.  
And then the storm broke o'er their  
heads,  
A gap was left and they  
Must fill the place and hold the line  
And really save the day.  
And so, a mighty empire  
Rocked faintly but did not snap.  
Because a man and woman  
Had sense to fill the gap.  
And so I say to their subjects  
Hats off to this royal pair  
Who never faltered, but filled the  
gap.  
And caused the world to stare.  
Now since they crossed the ocean  
Their subjects here to see,  
Filled with love and deep devotion  
Our hearts will ever be.

For when a greedy nation  
Grazes for yet a larger slice,  
Stretching out its bloody fingers,  
It finds them caught within a  
Vise.  
We are once more the gap is filled!  
The King is there, but not alone,  
For every British and Canadian  
soldier stands  
With their Allies' sons to guard  
our homes.

So, once again, hats off I say,  
This time to every mother's son.  
Who, with their King, have filled  
the gap.  
To show the world it can be done.

MRS. ROBERT HADDERBERG, 344  
Kewatwin Avenue, Toronto.

BIRTHDAY QUOTATIONS  
Jan. 18—  
Suffering for truth's sake  
Is fortitude to highest victory;  
and to the faithful, death the  
gate of life.

—Milton.

1946 is gone and 1947 lies ahead.  
The winding trails of 1946 lead us on  
a long weary trail with shortages being  
the persistent headache of all. 1946  
was expected to produce those items  
which we had done without during the  
war years. Instead shortages of build-  
ing materials hampered construction  
of new homes; cars were not nearly as  
plentiful as had been expected, and in  
many cases consumer goods remained  
in short supply. 1946 saw a bumper  
crop in this part of the province and  
we venture to say that Christmas shop-  
ping in Olds hit an all-time high.

The old year found for the town an  
adequate supply of water for the water  
and sewer system and we hope that the  
new year will see the system installed.  
Perhaps the most outstanding event  
of 1946 was the strike of Alberta farm-  
ers which put Olds in the spotlight of  
the daily and weekly press. We took  
our stand in the matter, justified or

not, but we still think that had the  
strike been aimed in the direction  
which we stated in this column, then it  
would have had stronger support.

What 1947 has in store for us we  
cannot foretell, but in mulling things  
over it occurs to us that both labor and  
management in this country and in the  
United States must somehow be made  
to realize that they own some measure  
of responsibility to the general public.

We believe that free collective bar-  
gaining can be made to work. We re-  
iterate that the structure of industrial  
co-operation must be built by the vol-  
untary efforts of industry and manage-  
ment. The job of building must, how-  
ever, take place within the limits of  
ordinary civilized laws.

Laws can do little but draw these  
limits, but only law can do it.

If the public cannot protect itself  
through its government, then the right  
to individual freedom has been lost.

### PRICES BOARD LISTS RATION COUPONS THAT EXPIRED ON DEC. 31

All sugar preserves "B" coupons  
Nos. 1 to 28 in Ration Book Five  
expired on Dec. 31, 1946, the War-  
time Prices and Trade Board has  
announced. In addition most com-  
mons "M" Nos. 50 to 63, butter cou-  
pons "B" Nos. 29 to 34 in Ration  
Book Six and all evaporated milk  
coupons bearing a beaver design  
expired on that date.

### JANUARY COUPONS

Coupons M-64 and M-65 now  
valid.  
Coupon M-66 valid Jan. 2.  
Coupon M-68 valid Jan. 16.  
Coupon M-69 valid Jan. 23.  
Coupon M-70 valid Jan. 30.  
Butter  
Coupons B-35 and B-36 now  
valid.  
Coupon B-37 valid Jan. 2.  
Coupon B-38 valid Jan. 16.  
Coupon B-39 valid Jan. 23.  
Coupon B-40 valid Jan. 30.  
Sugar  
Coupons S-26 to S-30 now valid.  
Coupons S-30 and S-40 valid  
Jan. 16.  
Ration book 5 may be destroyed.  
All coupons in it have expired.

## 49th Battalion Re-union Planned

All men who served with the 49th  
Battalion, C.E.F., in World War I,  
or with the Loyal Edmonton Regi-  
ment in World War II, are invited  
to attend the annual reunion ban-  
quet of the 49th Battalion Association,  
to be held in the Macdonald  
Hotel in Edmonton, Saturday, Jan.  
4, 1947. Brigadier J. C. Jefferson,  
C.E.F., D.S.O., E.D., president of the  
association, has announced.

This is the 32nd anniversary cel-

bration and banquet. It will start  
off with a get-together in the wash-  
room floor dining room at 6.30  
p.m., the "fall in" will be sounded  
at 7.15 p.m., and dinner will be  
served in the main dining room at  
7.30 p.m.

New members are asked to wear  
their berets, but medals will NOT  
be worn. Tickets will be on sale  
at Mike's Newsstand in Edmonton  
at the usual price of \$1.50 each.  
Out of town veterans planning to  
attend should make their arrange-  
ments as soon as possible as hotels  
in the city are exceptionally busy  
at this time of year.

## Radiators Limited

Calgary Edmonton Lethbridge  
Radiators for all makes of cars, trucks, tractors,  
and industrial engines. Genuine factory replace-  
ments of your original radiator.

"Desire to Serve -- Plus Ability"

## Suffering China Calls to Canadian Farmers

WAR has spread wreckage and  
suffering among the 500,000,000  
people of Canada's Pacific neighbor—  
China.

Blasted from farms and villages, mil-  
lions of Chinese families are homeless,  
hungry and in rage, dying daily from  
starvation and disease. China was first  
to feel the fascist onslaught. For eight  
terrible years—from July, 1937 to  
August, 1945—China heroically breast-  
ed the aggressor's hordes. Two years  
longer than any of her allies!

### Farmers Call to Farmers

To-day, China presents a heart-rending  
spectacle to Canadians mercifully  
spared the ravages of enemy guns and  
bombs. And especially to Canadian  
farmers!

About 83 per cent. of China's  
500,000,000 people are peasant farmers.  
To the scourge of Japanese planes and  
artillery have been added, in many  
districts, flood or drought, and shortage  
of seed grain. Besides the need for  
food, clothing, medical supplies, hos-  
pital equipment, there is urgent need  
for reconstruction of farms and homes.

### Canada's Aid Essential

During the war, Canadians, through  
The Chinese War Relief Fund, sent to  
China some \$2,654,000 in money and  
over 1,464,000 pounds of used clothing,  
valued at some \$2,929,000. But the  
sternness of war can be more terrible  
than war itself. The world-wide relief  
work of the United Nations Relief and

Rehabilitation Agency (UNRRA) ends  
March 1st in China. The burden will  
fall on voluntary agencies. The Canadian  
Aid to China (formerly The Chinese  
War Relief) is making a national appeal.  
This is an urgent call to Canadian  
farmers to support this effort.

### How YOU Can Help

To make it more convenient for YOU  
to participate, all Elevator companies  
have been authorized to receive dona-  
tions of part of grain deliveries as Aid  
to China.  
When you deliver grain to your Elevator,  
simply tell the Elevator Agent how  
many bushels you wish to donate to  
Canadian Aid to China.

The aim is one per cent. of the storage  
capacity of each Elevator. Will YOU  
help to make this possible?

### Enlightened Self-Interest

This appeal is to our common humanity  
as citizens of the One World from which  
to-day we dare not isolate ourselves.  
In helping to rehabilitate the Chinese,  
we are hastening a return to world  
health and progress.

But we may well remember that China  
is not only a World Neighbor of  
Canada, but a good potential customer  
for our products. In helping her to  
recover from her war wounds, we are  
building goodwill and laying the basis  
of profitable relations in the days to  
come.

### WHAT TO DO

When you deliver grain to your  
Elevator, simply tell the Elevator  
Agent how many bushels you wish  
to donate to CANADIAN AID TO  
CHINA. Your Agent will make  
out a ticket in the name of  
CANADIAN AID TO CHINA for  
your donation. Official Receipts  
will be forwarded to you from your  
Provincial Headquarters for income  
tax purposes.

No cheque to write, no cash to pay,  
no mailing to do. It's as simple  
as that!

CANADIAN FARMERS, BE GENEROUS! CHINA,  
A GOOD NEIGHBOR, NEEDS YOUR HELP!

This is the only national appeal to be made in Canada  
during the next twelve months for Chinese relief.

## Canadian Aid to China